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I have been an XM subscriber for almost a year now and have been very happy to have an alternative to standard radio. I originally subscribed to XM to escape the problems that I saw with standard radio. It was becoming more evident that the big conglomerates were purchasing the local stations and molding the music to whatever niche they believed would make the most money.

I am a big believer in open competition and think that XM and Siruis offer legitamate alternatives to the standard radio. I also feel that they should be

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Please do not place limitations on the satellite radio providers as it goes against the "american way" by not allowing free and open competition. If standard radio does not like the way that satellite radio is stomping on their toes, I would suggest that they improve the product they offer rather than try to limit the products of their competitors.